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Respectfully submitted,

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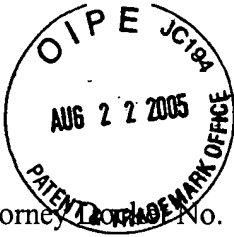
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Christopher G. Walls, et al.

Application No.: 10/659,761  
Confirmation No.: 4840  
Filed On: September 10, 2003

For: SPINDLE FOR A DOOR HANDLE  
ASSEMBLY

Examiner: Gary Wayne Estremsky

Art Unit: 3676

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 19, 2005**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2005. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, the time period for response is August 19, 2005, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.